



Philshaw. "Maine Deaf Culture Awards Coming Up." *Q96.1*, 3 Sept. 2016, q961.com/maine-deaf-culture-awards-to-be-presented-in-advance-of-deaf-culture-week/.

Youth in a Silent World

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“Deaf and Dumb.” *Social Welfare History Project*,
socialwelfare.library.vcu.edu/issues/deaf-dumb/.



- Cochlear Implants & Deaf Identity in Politics
- Inspiration = Katerina Flynn
- Pre-Nursing
- ASL Major/Minor: Concentration in Audiology or Neuroscience*
- Importance: youth, adulthood, disability
- Research Question:

“How politics affect youth deaf culture and debate on cochlear implants”



White River Indie Films,
www.wrif.org/event/a-program-of-films-exploring-art-and-the-deaf-world/.

Research Plan

Sources:

- Related to pediatric cochlear implant surgery
- Research about the effects of post cochlear implant surgery
- Ongoing research related to deaf children
- Youth deaf culture view of cochlear implants
- ❑ Books, Library Databases, and Websites

Search Terms:

- Deaf
- Youth
- Politics
- Cochlear Implants



Challenges

- ❑ Bias
- ❑ Open mind
- ❑ Broad topic: adulthood, culture, education, research, workforce, youth



Ethical Issues in Cochlear Implant Surgery: An Exploration into Disease, Disability, and the Best Interests of the Child

Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal. “Ethical Issues in Cochlear Implant Surgery: An Exploration into Disease, Disability, and the Best Interests of the Child.” Project Muse, Sept. 1997, muse.jhu.edu/article/18557.



Relates to present and future impact of cochlear implants

- The separation between hearing and non-hearing individuals
- Knowing English and/or ASL (American Sign Language)
- Children that learn both spoken and signed language, benefit intellectually and connect to both aspects of both hearing and non-hearing culture

“Collection of Free Implanted Clipart Cochlear Implant. Download on UbiSafe.” *UbiSafe*, ubisafe.org/explore/implanted-clipart-cochlear-implant/.

The Politics of the Child's Right to Identity in a Disability-Free Society



Doe. "Deaf Child Clipart." *Clipart Vector Design* •, 19 Oct. 2018, infoclipart.today/deaf-child-clipart.html.

Sabatello, Maya. "The Politics of the Child's Right to Identity in a

Disability-Free Society." *International Journal of Children's Rights*,

vol. 17, no. 2, Apr. 2009, pp. 177-206. *EBSCOhost*,

doi:10.1163/157181808X312131.

- **Politics** of identity & culture
 - Left out of the deaf-world
- Scientific developments that prompt a child's "right to a sound mind and body"
- Effects of Biomedicine and Human Rights on youth (future)
- Prenatal child manipulation to alternate diagnosed disability

Relates to youth rights to have cochlear implants

The Rhizome of the Deaf Child

Valente, Joseph Michael, and Gail M. Boldt. "The Rhizome of the Deaf Child." *Qualitative Inquiry*, vol. 21, no. 6, July 2015, pp. 562–574. EBSCOhost, doi:10.1177/1077800415581885.

- False assumptions of Cochlear Implants
 - “cure” deafness
- Implants contain many complications that are specific to each individual
- Cochlear Implant puts the children on different paths,
 - no more certain or less than life without an implant

Relates to specifications of the cochlear implant and its usage

Cook, Paul. "CID Early Childhood Vocabulary Rating Forms." *Central Institute for the Deaf*, cid.edu/professionals/shop/cid-early-childhood-vocabulary-rating-forms/.

